

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A powder body metering apparatus comprises a metering container including:

a first cylinder including an inlet in an upper end[[,]] thereof; and

a separate second cylinder arranged so as to be freely adjustable in position with respect to the first cylinder; and

a switch valve for opening and closing the inlet of the metering container, wherein an internal capacity of said metering container is variable by adjusting the position of the second cylinder with respect to the first cylinder,

wherein a first opening being is provided in a lower portion of the metering container and a separate second opening being is provided in a desired portion, and wherein said first opening and said second opening are each being spaced from said inlet, said first opening communicating with said second opening through said metering container.

2. (original) A powder body metering apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a powder body discharge port is formed in the lower portion of the metering container, and the powder body discharge port is freely opened and closed by a closing member.